in Surat (Gujarat) since 1988 and till date, category-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections released during the above period, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to provide those telephone connections to the subscribers at the earliest?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of persons in Surat (Gujarat) on the waiting list since 1988 who have not been provided a telephone till date are as follows:—

Category	*No. of persons on waiting List*
OYT	459
Special	537
General	3649
Total	4645

(b) The number of connections released are as under:—

During period	*OYT*	*Special*	*General*	*Total*
1-1-88 to 31-12-88	690	344	690	1724
1-1-89 to 31-12-89	2660	1331	2660	6651
1-1-90 to 31-12-90	200	136	200	536
1-1-91 to 1-7-91	370	185	370	925

(c) and (d) Expansion plans have been drawn for clearing the waiting list progressively during the Eighth Plan period.

During 1991-92, following installations/expansions have been planned in Surat.

1. Surat Mahidharpur . . E-10B . . . Main 10,000 lines
2. Surat Textile Market . . E-10B . . Expansion 10,000 lines
3. Surat . . . . E-10 B . . RLU Main 1,000 lines

Use of Hindi in Official Work

2189. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to give Hindi its due status in the official work of the Government during the last three years in accordance with the Constitutional directives;

(b) the percentage of official work of the Union Government being conducted in Hindi and English at present;

(c) the targets set for the use of Hindi in category 'A', 'B' and 'C'

States from the point of view of official language and the extent to which those targets have been achieved; and

(d) the time by which the Government propose to accord due status to Hindi in day-to-day official work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) During the last three years, i.e. 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91, higher targets were laid for the various activities/programmes undertaken for accelerating the progressive use of Hindi for the official purposes of the Union as well as for its spread and development. These activities included the use of Hindi in correspondence, provision of Devanagari typewriters including bilingual electronic equipment, fixation of proportions of Hindi typists and Hindi stenographers in the Ministries/Departments/other Offices of the Central Government, use of Hindi as an alternative medium in recruitment examinations, arrangements to impart training through Hindi medium in training centres, preparation of publicity material including films, purchase of Hindi books relating to various disciplines, etc. The annual Programme of the Hindi Teaching Scheme was progressively expanded and intensive programme for training in Hindi was also initiated. The work relating to translation into Hindi and training of the staff engaged on translation work in various Ministries/Departments/Offices continued. The programme for ensuring availability of mechanical/technical equipment and promoting the increased use of Hindi on them continued. Follow up action on the recommendations of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language has been continuing. The Plan/Budget provisions for these schemes were augmented during the last three years.

(b) The percentage of use of Hindi in the official work of the Union Government during 1990-91 was as under:—

Ministries/Departments

(i) Implementation of Section 3(3) of the Official Languages Act, 1963—98.90%.

(ii) Correspondence in Hindi—99.52% (replies to letters received in Hindi)

(iii) Total Correspondence in Hindi —38.69%.

(c) and (d) The targets set for the Central Government Offices in correspondence during the year 1990-91 were as indicated in the attached Statement. Constant efforts are being made to achieve these targets. However, as the policy of the Government is to promote the use of Hindi in the official work of the Union through incentives, persuation and goodwill, it would take time to ensure desired use of Hindi in the day-to-day official work of the Union.

STATEMENT

Targets for 1990-91 *for Central Government offices located in Region 'A'*

(a) Communications from Central Ministries/Departments, located in Region 'A' to Central Government offices located in Regions 'A' & 'B'—90%

(Offices which have already achieved this target should endevour to achieve 100%).

(b) Communications from Central Government Offices etc. located in Region 'A' to Central Government offices located in Regions 'A' & 'B'—100%

(c) Communications from Central Government offices located in Region 'A' to Central Government offices located in Region 'C' - 20%

(Except notified offices, English translation should also be sent to the rest). Rule 4(d).

(d) Communications from Central Government offices located in Region 'A' to any office of a State Government/Union Territory or individuals in Regions 'A' & 'B'—100%

(In exceptional case if a letter is sent in English, Hindi translation should be sent along with it). Rule 3(1) & 3(2)

(e) All communications received in Hindi must be replied to in Hindi. Rule 5

(f) All applications, appeals or representations made or signed in Hindi should essentially be replied to in Hindi. Rule 7(2)

For Units of the Defence Ministry

(a) Correspondence between the three headquarters and Ministry of Defence and other Ministries—60%

(b) Correspondence between the Army Headquarter and Army Command Headquarters and the entire correspondence between all the units of the Army and the Command Offices—35%

(c) Correspondence between the Headquarters of the Navy and the Air Force and their Command Offices and the entire correspondence between these forces and all the unit and the command offices—30%

(d) The above targets will be applicable to the offices of three services where mainly armed forces officers and 'other ranks' are employed.

(e) The targets of the remaining correspondence and other items of the programme will be the same as fixed in this Programme.

Targets for 1990-91 for Central Government offices located in Region 'B'

(a) Communications from Central Government Offices located in Region 'B' to Central Government offices located in Regions 'A' & 'B'—60%

(b) Communications from Central Government Offices located in Region 'B' to Central Government offices located in Region 'C'—20%

(Except notified offices, English translation should also be sent to the rest).

(c) Communications from Central Government offices located in Region 'B' to any office of a State Government—Union Territory or individuals in regions 'A' & 'B'—100%

(d) All communications received in Hindi must be replied to in Hindi Rule 5

(e) All applications, appeals or representations made or signed in Hindi should essentially be replied to in Hindi. Rule 7(2)

For Units of the Defence Ministry

(a) Correspondence between the three Headquarters and Ministry of Defence and other Ministries—60%

(b) Correspondence between the Army Headquarter & Army Command Headquarters and the entire correspondence between all the units of the Army and Command Office—35%

(c) Correspondence between the Headquarters of the Navy and the Air Force and their Command Offices and the entire correspondence between these forces and all the units and the Command Offices—30%

(d) The above targets will be applicable to the offices of the

three services where mainly the armed force officers and 'other ranks' are employed.

(e) The targets of the remaining correspondence and other items of the programme will be the same as fixed in this Programme.

Targets for 1990-91 in respect of Central Government offices located in Region 'C'

(a) Communications from Central Government Offices located in Region 'C' to Central Government Offices in Regions 'A' & 'B'—20%
Rule 4(d) & (e)

(b) Communications to State/Union Territories and individuals in Regions 'A' & 'B'—60%

(c) Communications to Central Government Offices in Region 'C'—20%

(d) All communications received in Hindi must be replied to in Hindi. Rule 5

(e) All applications, appeals or representations made or signed in Hindi should essentially be replied to in Hindi. Rule 7(2)

For Units of the Defence Ministry

(a) Correspondence between the three headquarters and Ministries of Defence and other Ministries.—60%

(b) Correspondence between the headquarters and army command headquarters and the entire correspondence between all the units of the army and the command offices—35%

(c) Correspondence between the headquarters of the Navy and the Air Force and their command offices and the entire correspondence between these forces and all the units and the command offices—30%

(d) The above targets will be applicable to offices of three services where mainly armed forces officers and 'other ranks' are employed.

(e) The targets of the remaining correspondence and other items of the programme will be the same as fixed in this programme.

Construction of Rajghat Dam Project

2190. SHRI VISHWANATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the construction of the inter-State Rajghat Dam Project;

(b) the details of cost-escalation resulting from delay in setting up the project; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The works on earth dam and masonry dam have been completed to the extent of about 92% and 80% respectively. Other miscellaneous works have been completed to the extent of about 68%.

(b) The project was originally (at 1979 price index) estimated to cost Rs. 123.22 crores. The estimated cost as revised in 1987 is Rs. 213.66 crores. The cost escalation is mainly due to rise in prices during construction period. The delay in completion of the project is mainly due to constraint of funds.

(c) The dam is scheduled for completion in June, 1993.

[*English*]

Propaganda Campaign against India by JKLF in the UK

2191. SHRI MUKUL WASNIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: